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Volunteers Needed for the Fall Bulb Sale

By **Kim Peterson**

We hope MARLS members will turn out for our bulb packing party on Friday, October 23, at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to work a shift at the sale October 24 and 25 in the Orthwein Floral Display Hall at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

We've ordered a nice selection of bulbs. You can see a list of bulbs for sale on our web site at www.marls.org. Club members who work get a 20 percent discount on bulb purchases all weekend. When you come to the packing party

you get first choice on bulbs. Some varieties sell out on Friday night!

The Fall Lily Bulb Sale is October 24-25 at the Missouri Botanical Garden

This year we are featuring Stargazer, an Oriental lily loved by many. Fragrant and beautiful, it is always popular at our sale. We will have some new Asiatics by Johann Mak at an attractive price. The Oriental-Trumpet hybrids Maywood, Majesty, and Montego Bay are new offerings for MARLS.

After all bulbs have been packaged Friday night, we'll have a short membership meeting. Bring a dish to share for the potluck that will follow.

Sale shifts will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday (or until bulbs sell out). You can sign up at the packing party. Or, call Kim Peterson at 314-421-6272 to

volunteer for the sale. Kim and Grace Padberg are this year's bulb sale chairpersons.



Bulbs available at this sale include the popular Oriental, Stargazer (left); Pumpkin Face, a new Johann Mak Asiatic (above bottom), and Majesty (above top), a Mak Oriental-Trumpet (OT) hybrid. Johann Mak is a Dutch hybridizer and friend to MARLS.

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Weeds. I grow two varieties in my garden: The ones Mother Nature gave me and the ones I gave myself.

Eager to encourage hummingbirds, I once planted a trumpet vine, moving it several times to find just the right location. The vine grew and bloomed. My neighbors admired it, and I'm sure the hummingbirds did, too.

But as the years passed, I began to hate this vine. Shoots popped up relentlessly in every spot where I'd once planted the thing. Eventually the trunk of the main vine got so heavy it threatened the fence. And I was finally justified in "taking it out." More than a dozen years later, I'm still pulling trumpet vines.

A more recent introduction that I love but am beginning to see spread is the houttuynia ('Chameleon') ground cover. Not hard to pull, it appears to resist mainly by sending forth a foul odor.

On the other hand, the Sea Oats grass showing up everywhere requires more than a tug. My strategy this summer: Cut down the grass as it's beautiful, but prolific swaying seed heads began to yellow. How sad, just what makes it gorgeous.

Recently, I noticed a lovely little cool green plant growing in one of my beds. Had no idea how it got there or it's name. Then last week, touring a friend's garden, I spotted that very plant. "What's this?" I asked. "Snow on the Mountain," she replied. "I hate it!" "Why?" I exclaimed. Should have known the answer: "Because it grows everywhere," she said. I'm debating whether to ask her for more starts or wait for my single stalk to spread. A weed is indeed in the eye of the beholder.

--Carol Bales Mahoney

Favorite Companion Plants for Lilies

At least two of our newest and most active members were first enthusiasts for plants other than lilies.

Dennis Fitzgibbons found lilies to be natural companions for his rhododendrons. Both require the same acidic soil conditions. The flowering seasons don't compete. And rhododendron leaves offer a nice background for the lily flowers.

Lynn Slackman began to plant lilies among her precious daffodils.

"As you already know I plant daffodils as companions to *Lilium* in my garden," Lynn says. "But I also plant them with perennials such as iris, Japanese anemone, echinacea, phlox, and with other bulbs like gladiolus, Dutch iris, crocosmia, and camassia."

She says she also has daylilies, "but I usually don't mix them in with the *Lilium* plantings."

Fred Winterowd offers other possible companions for lilies. "Certainly the late tulips would be one fine selection," he writes. "Also, the so-called 'minor' or 'smaller' bulbs.

"Let's include those fine dwarf perennials, alyssum, and numerous other rockeries. Certainly, iris, ferns, astilbes, and the florabunda roses. Also,

dwarf evergreens, and, yes, ornamental grasses."

Carol Mahoney says she's enjoying the flowers of dahlias she planted this spring in a bed of Orientpets. She's interested in adding more hardy geraniums, a plant recommended in several lily books.

But with so many varieties to extend the bloom season, some would ask, why not just lilies?

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2009 Lily Show Award Winners

Horticulture Division

Best in Show, St. Johns Bank & Trust Co. Award, 'Yelloween,' Fred & Jean Winterowd

People's Choice Award, Wal-Mart Gift Card, 'Kentucky,' Kim Peterson

MARLS Award I (Best Asiatic), 'TW 9023,' Linda Smith

MARLS Award II (Best single bloom), 'Yelloween,' Robert Snider

President's Award (3 stems of same cultivar), 'Gypsy,' Carol Appelbaum

Editor's Award (Best species), *Lilium canadense*, Linda Smith

Columbia-Platte Lilies Award, 'Silk Road,' Kim Peterson

Bernie La Blance Memorial Award (Best lily stem grown from seed, but not necessarily hybridized by exhibitor), Unnamed Seedling, Dennis Fitzgibbons

Bob Roos Memorial Award, Not Given

Ralph Bishop Memorial Award, 'Amethyst Temple,' Carol Appelbaum

Thies Farm & Greenhouse Award, 'Chesapeake Dawn,' Fred Winterowd

Winterowd Florist Award, 'Aladdin's Son,' Carol Appelbaum

Jack Gagnon Memorial Sweepstakes Award, Hartke Nursery, Carol Appelbaum with 20 first-place lilies

Special Award of Merit, not given.

Design Division

Best in Show, "Mosaics," Jean Winterowd

People's Choice Award, "The Japanese Festival," Shirley Pupillo

Sweepstakes, Kim Peterson with 2 first-place ribbons

Class I, "Les Fleurs Jaune" (A design of predominately yellow flowers, exhibitor's choice.), Claudia Chopp

Class II, "Water, Water Everywhere" (A design featuring water.), Kim Peterson

Class III, "Mosaics". (A mass design of many different colored flowers.), Jean Winterowd

Class IV, "The Japanese Festival." (A design in the Japanese manner.), Shirley Pupillo

Class V, "The Way." (A tubular design.), Kim Peterson

Certificate Winners

Certificates for entering the Design Division: Claudia Chopp, Ellen Mell, Kim Peterson, Yoshiko Mitchell, Nadine Wallenstein, Jean Winterowd, Carol Bales Mahoney, Shirley Pupillo, Robin Gosnell, Madelein Hucker, Kathy Faver, and Lynn Slackman.



2009 Lily Show judges evaluate prize-winning selections for the top awards table. The judges are (left to right) Keith Brown, Linda Smith, Fred Winterowd, Jean Winterowd, and Ellen Mell. Not shown is judge Carol Appelbaum.

Horticulture Winners



The entry to the Orthwein Hall featured a lovely floral design created by Claudia Chopp for the 2009 Annual Lily Show.



Robert Snider's 'Yelloween,' Best Single Bloom.



Linda Smith's 'TW 9023,' Best Asiatic.

Fred and Jean Winterowd's 'Yelloween' was awarded the St. Johns Bank & Trust Co. Award for Best in Show.



Carol Appelbaum's 'Gypsy,' Best 3 Stems of Same Cultivar.



Linda Smith's *Lilium canadense*, won the Editor's Award, for best species lily.



Kim Peterson's 'Silk Road,' Columbia-Platte Lilies Award.



An unnamed seedling grown by Dennis Fitzgibbons won the Bernie La Blance Memorial Award, as best lily stem grown from seed.

Design Winners



Top to bottom: Carol Appelbaum's 'Amethyst Temple' took the Ralph Bishop Memorial Award; Fred Winterrowd's 'Chesapeake Dawn,' Thies Farm & Greenhouse Award; and Carol Appelbaum's 'Aladdin's Son,' the Winterrowd Florist Award.



Best in Show and Class III winner: Jean Winterrowd's "Mosaics." Below: Shirley Pupillo with the People's Choice, her design "The Japanese Festival."



Right, top down: Class I, Claudia Chopp's "Les Fleurs Jaune," Class II, Kim Peterson's "Water, Water Everywhere," Class IV, Shirley Pupillo's "The Japanese Festival," and Class V, Kim Peterson's "The Way."



News

See Sale Bulb Photos on MARLS website

The home page of the MARLS website has been updated to announce the upcoming Lily Bulb Sale.

The "Lily Events" tab now points to the Lily Bulb Sale page, and the sale pictures page has been updated with new photos of available sale bulbs.

There is also a printable list of available bulbs, and general sale guidelines in the right hand navigation area.

Don't forget to check out the Photos pages for a new section called "Kim's Garden." This section contains some gorgeous pictures of Kim Peterson's garden.

Spray for Botrytis

A good organic recipe to use is : 2 tablespoons of baking soda stirred into 5 litres of water, add 1/2 cup of vegetable cooking oil and just before you spray add 1/4 cup of dishwashing liquid. You should also pull off the affected leaves as you see them, being careful not to touch any other foliage. (Excerpted from the South Saskatchewan Lily Society's newsletter.)

Check Out *Plants.am*

This two-year-old website is a Wikipedia for plants and gardening. So far it has 13,924 plant entries and other articles written and edited by gardeners from around the globe, with 10,084 photos. Anyone can add articles or photos. The site appears short on lilies, and long on daylilies.

NALS 62nd Annual Lily Show: MARLS Winners

By Mary Lou Snider



Ten MARLS members attended the National Lily Show held June 26-28 in Springfield, MO, and three came home with awards.

Dennis and Lori Fitzgibbons, Jack and Carol Appelbaum, Roy and Kim Peterson, Ray and Linda Smith, and Bob and Mary Lou Snider were there at various times.

At the awards banquet on Saturday night, MARLS was honored with several winners. Dennis won the Leslie Woodruff Award for 'Baywatch.' (Shown above.) He also received blue ribbons for 'Silk Road,' 'Flare,' 'Gold Smith,' and 'American Heritage,' and red ribbons for 'Eudoxia' and 'Judith Freeman.' Carol Appelbaum

won blue ribbons for 'Prince Promise' and 'Allegretto.' Linda Smith won a red ribbon for '*L. davidii*,' yellow ribbons for 'Silk Road' and 'Pizzazz,' and a white ribbon for '*L. nutmegger*.'

The speakers were well-known lily growers, such as Glenda Phelps, Susan Sims Giddens, Calvin Helsley, Art Evans, David Sims, and Dick Bayeri, who gave talks about different topics regarding lilies.

On the hottest day of the year, Jack and Carol and Bob and Mary Lou went on the garden tours, which included Calvin Helsley's garden in Mansfield; Close Memorial Park and Nathanael Greene Park in Springfield; and the H. R. & Marjorie Gayer garden in Ash Grove. Wonderful, beautiful lilies were everywhere.

The Ozark Regional Lily Society did a great job. Over 270 stems were entered in the show. The food was good, and the people were friendly. Everything seemed to go according to plan.

Next year the NALS 2010 Lily Show will be July 7-11 at Mars, Pennsylvania (30 miles from Pittsburgh), hosted by the Mid-Atlantic & Ohio Lily Societies.

News from the Board

By Mary Lou Snider

Minutes of June 20 Meeting

President Dennis Fitzgibbons held a short meeting before the Lily Show.

Linda Smith talked about the hail and wind damage we had this year and its impact on lilies entered in the show. She reviewed the show rules before judging began.

Appreciation was expressed to everyone for their contributions and hard work that went into making the show a success.

The club approved a suggestion to have Dennis put a MARLS coupon in the booklet that promotes the Missouri Botanical Garden's "Best of Missouri" event in October.

There was a discussion about the NALS Lily Show in Springfield. Several members said they were going.

Minutes of July 11 Meeting

A short meeting was held at the Annual Mini Show and Awards Luncheon on July 11, held this year at the lovely home and garden of Marti Warhurst.

Marti Warhurst made a suggestion that we have name tags for all our events. She also

suggested we have RSVP for the Mini Show to prepare for the number of people attending. The members agreed.

There was a discussion about getting new members. The group agreed we need suggestions on how to do that. Also, there was more discussion of doing more advertising for the Lily Show and the Lily Bulb Sale.

We Welcome Our New Members

Doris & Nuan Draper
St. Louis, MO

Mary Duffe
St. Louis, MO

Terry Kapeller
Defiance, MO

Tom Keay
St. Louis, MO

Norman Leppo
St. Louis, MO

Mary Jo Nowobilski
OFallon, IL

Books

A Review by Kim Peterson

Rain Gardens: Managing Water Sustainably in the Garden and Designed Landscape by Nigel Dunnett and Andy Clayden. Timber Press, 2007

Rain gardens are the latest trend in gardening. With water becoming more scarce, gardeners are paying attention to this diminishing resource and are designing solutions to maximize it.

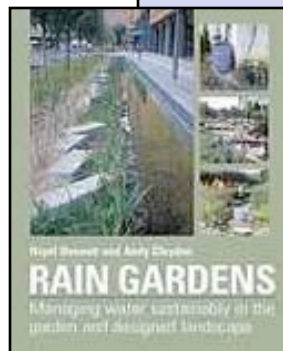
But rain gardens don't sacrifice beauty for

practicalities of water conservation. Both concepts easily coexist. While St. Louis may not have a water shortage, it is prudent to incorporate rain garden principles, even at a low level when designing a garden.

At the most basic, rain-water gardens are designed to capture rainfall flowing through your yard; store that water to nurture plants; and cleanse runoff, thus removing the pollutants carried with it.

This book shows international examples of rain-water cache systems representing a variety of sized projects. The latter part of the book gives hands-on advice to home gardeners for options on a small scale.

This may be the next big and best gardening practice—be the first in your neighborhood to create one!



Mini Show, Awards Picnic



Sixteen MARLS members attended the Annual Mini Show and Awards Luncheon on July 11. The event was held at the lovely home and gardens of Marti Warhurst in St. Clair, MO. The attendees enjoyed refreshments and lunch, and a stroll among Marti's beautiful lilies and other flowers. The Lily Show awards were presented after lunch. *(Photos by Don & Pat Kelley.)*

Calendar

Fall Bulb Sale
October 24-25
Orthwein Hall, MBG

Bulb Packing Party
October 23, 5:30 p.m.,
MBG

Membership Meeting
October 23
After Bulb Packing
MBG

Education Meeting
March (Date TBA)

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Photos of Kim Peterson's beautiful gardens can be found on the lily society's website. You will see an abundance of lilies of many different types--Asiatic, Trumpets, and Orientpets. Go to www.MARLS.org, select Events, and click on Photos.